

Murphy Drill Site Draft Motion for May 15, 2023 WRAC Meeting

Adapted from motion passed by Del Rey NC board on April 13, 2023

Whereas, the City of Los Angeles has a history of discriminatory and disparate treatment in its oil drilling environmental compliance requirements whereby some communities are afforded greater protections from pollution and noise from oil drilling operations while other communities are not;

Whereas, the Murphy Drill site location in West Adams is an example of a community that has been exposed to toxic fumes and noise pollution that could be partially abated through facility enclosure and electrification of workover rigs and power supply, as has been done in wealthier communities, but have not been;

Whereas, on February 28, 2023, the City's Planning Department issued a Letter of Determination on Case No. ZA-1959-15227-O-PA6 requiring additional and modified conditions for the continued operation of the Murphy Oil Drill Site "to increase the protection of and to preserve the health, safety and general welfare of the residents and stakeholders of the neighborhood";

Whereas, on March 13, 2023, E & B Natural Resources the operator of the Murphy Drill site filed an appeal to the City's Letter of Determination;

Therefore, the [WRAC member] calls on the City of Los Angeles to uphold its February 28 Letter of Determination.

Background Information

Planning Dept. case page: <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjUwNTQx0>

February 28, 2023 Letter of Determination:

<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/document/MjE2OA0/fe3b456d-e5a5-4f0e-9fa7-879f1ff43502/pdd>

March 6 press article: <https://capitalandmain.com/in-a-largely-black-and-latino-community-neighbors-worry-about-the-oil-wells-in-their-midst>

Next steps: Hearing on the appeal to be held by South LA Area Planning Commission, date Tuesday, **June 20**, 4:30p at the CD8 Constituent Service Center, 8475 Vermont Ave 90044.

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